

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist to ensure all required application documents are included prior to submitting to ADECA. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

Letter on entity letterhead signed by the Chief Elected Official	X
Application Cover Sheet (Page 9)	X
Resolution adopted by the applicant authorizing the submission of the application and committing all matching funds required to complete the proposed project	X
A narrative description of the proposed project and responses to each of the application rating criterion (Pages 10-13)	X
Project Cost Estimate (Page 14)	X
Detailed project budget with descriptive narrative	X
Schedule of project activities necessary for project completion to include measurable milestones (18-month period beginning March 2022)	X
Preliminary site plan	N/A
Location/vicinity map	X
Property boundary area map	X
Verification of SAM.gov registration      LXTYASXBFD97	X
Environmental Assessment:	N/A
Concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	N/A
Concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	N/A
Concurrence from the Alabama Historical Commission	N/A
Approval to cross a public highway or a public utility right-of-way (if applicable)	N/A
Water obstruction & encroachment permit (if applicable)	N/A
Hazardous materials survey if real property is to be acquired with grant funds	N/A
Environmental Assessment (if applicable)	N/A
Copy of deed to property, plat, and/or legal description of the property proposed for purchase and/or development	N/A
<b>NOTE:</b> If real property is to be acquired with grant funds, the acquisition must comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (The Uniform Act). Implementation regulations for The Uniform Act are found in 49 CFR Part 24. <b>You may not acquire property through donation or purchase until after the grant agreement has been executed and consultation with ADECA staff has occurred.</b>	
Signed statement from landowner expressing support (This is applicable if the applicant and landowner are <b>not</b> the same. <b>A recorded easement allowing trail construction will be required from the landowner before construction begins.</b> )	N/A
Environmental Screening Form and Environmental Checklist (Pages 15-19)	X
Letters of endorsement, support, and commitment; other documentation of citizen participation and public comment period	X

You must include a copy of this completed checklist with your application. Please see the following website for electronic versions of the forms:

<https://adeca.alabama.gov/trails/rtp-information-and-application-documents/>.



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## Town of Dauphin Island

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September 7, 2022

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs  
Attn: LaToya Edwards, Recreation and Conservation Programs Specialist  
P.O. Box 5690  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Ms. Edwards,

As Mayor of the Town of Dauphin Island and on behalf of our Town Council, I respectfully submit the following application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Trails Program FY2023. Please feel free to contact my office if you should need any additional information regarding this matter.

Thanks in advance for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Collier  
Mayor



**Application Cover Sheet**

Applicant's Name (Organization):	TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND		
Address:	1011 BIENVILLE BLVD		
	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL		36528
County:	MOBILE		
FEI Number:	63-0980084		
DUNS Number:	782396634		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):			
Project Title:	DAUPHIN ISLAND HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL: OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP		
Project Description:	THE TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND OWNS AND MAINTAINS APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES OF A PAVED HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL AND IS IN NEED OF A MECHANIZED SWEEPER TO REGULARLY CLEAN THE SURFACE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SAFETY FOR THE MANY PEDESTRIANS THAT USE IT.		
Park Name, if applicable:	TAYLOR HARPER HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL		
Park (project location) Address:	THE EXISTING TRAIL EXTENDS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BIENVILLE BLVD AND FROM THE SOUTHEND OF THE DAUPHIN ISLAND BRIDGE (HWY 193/ LEMOYNE DRIVE) TO BIENVILLE BLVD.		
	ZIP+4:		
Latitude and Longitude (deg/min/sec):	BIENVILLE BLVD LAT/ LON BEGINNING 30.24975*/ -88.07653* END 30.24877*/ -88.19153* LEMOYNE DR LAT/LON BEGINNING 30.56485* / -88.11548* END 30.25402*/-88.11249*		
Congressional District (for project location):	1		
State Senate District (for project location):	35		
State House District (for project location):	105		
Applicant Contact Person and Title:	JEFF COLLIER, MAYOR		
Phone Number:	251-209-9980		
Email Address:	JCOLLIER@TOWNOFDAUPHINISLAND.ORG		
Grant Administrator or Other Contact, Title, and Organization:	WANDA SANDAGGER, TOWN CLERK		
Phone Number:	251-861-5525 EXT 225		
Email Address:	WSANDAGGER@TOWNOFDAUPHINISLAND.ORG		

RESOLUTION 09062022

WHEREAS; the Town of Dauphin Island is blessed with approximately eight miles of recreational trails commonly referred to as the Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail, and

WHEREAS; the trail is widely used and enjoyed by residents and visitors of our barrier island community, and

WHEREAS; the town is responsible for daily and required maintenance to insure pedestrian safety, and

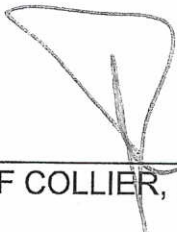
WHEREAS; acquisition of a mechanical sweeper would greatly enhance our ability to perform such tasks on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS; the town is seeking grant funds through the ADECA Recreational Trails Program to purchase equipment for this purpose, and

WHEREAS; the Town Council supports the grant application and commits to providing any and all required matching funds associated with the grant, and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of Dauphin Island does hereby support the grant application to the Recreational Trails Program to continue its efforts to properly maintain the Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail for the use and enjoyment of all island residents and visitors alike.

ADOPTED and APPROVED, this 7 day of September, 2022.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF COLLIER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Sandagger, Town Clerk

### Project Descriptive Narrative

Provide a brief, yet informative, description of the proposed project and address each evaluation criterion on the following pages (provide additional information and documentation as may be needed to support your response to each evaluation criterion).

#### Project Information

Name of Project: DAUPHIN ISLAND HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL: OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

Trail Length in Linear Feet (L.F.): 8 MILES Trail Width: 8'

Trail Surface Type: ASPHALT

Application Type: ☐ Non-motorized for a Single Use ☐ Motorized  
☒ Non-motorized for Diverse Use ☐ Educational

Type of Applicant: ☒ City/Town ☐ County  
☐ State ☐ Other

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 36,460
Grant Amount Requested	\$ 29,168
Total Local Match	\$ 7,292
Cash Match	\$ 7,292
In-Kind Match	\$ -
Donation	\$ -

Brief Description of the Project:

THE TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND OWNS AND MAINTAINS APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES OF A PAVED HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL AND IS IN NEED OF A MECHANIZED SWEEPER TO REGULARLY CLEAN THE SURFACE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SAFETY FOR THE MANY PEDESTRIANS THAT USE IT.

**Please address all evaluation criteria (100 Total Available Points).**

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A**

- 1. Describe the degree to which the project's scope and feasibility meet the project area's recreational needs. (Key Consideration: Does the project appear to be feasible and incorporate a good project design with consideration given to the natural and cultural environment in which the project is located and appropriate consideration given to identified needs and project benefits?) 10 Points Available**
- 2. Describe the ways in which the project provides for the greatest number of compatible recreational purposes. (Key Consideration: An important concern is that the project will enhance the quality and quantity of recreational trail opportunities available in the community or region. Points will be given to projects with connectivity to other trails and/or parks, environmental education and preservation, and economic development opportunities.) 10 Points Available**

- 3. Describe the ways in which the project provides a new, unique, or more effective means for making trail opportunities available to the public. (Key Consideration: This criterion includes projects of national, regional, and local demonstration value. The most important concern is whether the grant recipient is committed to trying an approach that is new at the local level. Additional points are awarded for nationwide applicability and statewide or regional value. The applicant must commit to documenting the results of the demonstration and identify the method to be used in documenting the results.) 10 Points Available**
- 4. Describe the ways in which the project facilitates the access and use of trails by persons with disabilities, older adults, economically disadvantaged, and other special populations or groups. (Key Consideration: Whether the project will expand recreation opportunities for special populations with recreation deficiencies.) 10 Points Available**
- 5. Describe the ways in which the project creates opportunities for new partnerships between trail users, private interest groups, and public agencies within the project area. (Key Consideration: The major concern is that the project is a component of an integrated effort to enhance economic revitalization and community conservation. Points will be given to applicants providing evidence of cooperative efforts with trail user groups and/or multiple public meetings.) 10 Points Available**
- 6. Describe the ways in which the project uses the grant funds to leverage other public or private investments (in the form of services and materials as well as dollars). (Key Consideration: The major concern is whether actual leveraging is assured or the potential for leveraging is good, outside of any funds committed for the initial grant match. Points will be given for applicants committing double the minimum local match or higher. Supporting documentation must be included in the application.) 10 Points Available**
- 7. Describe the degree of commitment to continue operation and maintenance of the project. Include an operation and maintenance plan detailing the amount of money needed to operate and maintain the trail/facility after project completion and identify who will be responsible for these activities. (Key Consideration: Whether the grant recipient is willing to commit to continue the maintenance and operation of the facilities and whether the applicant provides a realistic operation and maintenance plan/budget. Additional points will be awarded to applicants demonstrating innovative funding measures for trail maintenance.) 10 Points Available**
- 8. The degree to which community involvement is addressed: i.e., (A) Project idea originated with trail users or a community group that has substantial knowledge, and (B) The private sector (including individual citizens, community groups, and/or local business enterprises) has participated in the development of the proposed idea and has made commitments of labor, money, or materials to support project implementation. (Key Consideration: The objective is to determine if the project is responding to citizen-identified needs. The priority of the project to users is evidenced by citizen support for the idea. Points will be awarded to applicants**

demonstrating that the project concept was originally proposed at the grassroots level and, especially, for extensive citizen or private organization involvement in project development and support in project implementation as well as applicants demonstrating extensive involvement and participation from citizens and interest groups during all phases of application development and commitments beyond. Supporting documentation must be included in the application.) **10 Points Available**

**9. Describe in detail how the trail will be managed. Include a discussion on season length, hours of operation, limitations on use, enforcement provisions, and scheduling. 10 Points Available**

**10. Identify and describe the service area of the project. Approximately how many people do you propose to serve with this project? Identify other trail resources in the service area by trail type (motorized, non-motorized, multi-use), distance, location in relation to the proposed trail, and ownership. (Key Consideration: The RTP was created to address trail needs in the urban and rural areas of the state. In order to assess the need for additional trails it is first necessary to identify the quantity and location of existing resources within the service area. It is also necessary to establish a service area – either population or resource based. For example, a population-based service area could be a neighborhood, school district, or political jurisdiction whereas, a resource-based service area might be defined along a linear greenway, water course, or unique natural/cultural area. However, in both instances, an estimate of the number of beneficiaries should be provided. Please identify how the project service area was determined.)** **10 Points Available**

**NOTE: Property acquired with RTP funds must remain open to the public in perpetuity. Should the property cease to be open to the public for trail use, the applicant must repay the RTP 80% (or the federal percentage share) of the fair market value of the property at the time of the change in use. If the project is located on an easement or on leased land, the minimum timeframe for the easement or lease is 25 years. The project must remain open for public access for the use for which the RTP funds were intended during that time. For development projects on applicant owned property, the project must remain open for public access for the use for which the RTP funds were intended for a minimum of 25 years.**

## EXHIBIT A

1. The Town of Dauphin Island is blessed with approximately 8 miles of paved hiking and biking trails and they are extremely popular with residents and visitors alike. On any given day you'll see bikers, skaters, walkers, joggers, and more whether traveling to or from a particular location or simply enjoying some time soaking up the sun and fresh air. Our goal, with the submittal of this grant application, is to procure a mechanized sweeper that will enable our public works staff to keep the trails free of debris that could create a hazard for those that use it. As our island's population and number of tourists continue to increase, it is becoming critically important that we possess the ability to clean the trail on a more routine schedule.
2. The Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail extends the entire length of the developed portion of the island providing convenient access and connectivity to a variety of amenities and resources including, but not limited to, three public beaches, historic Fort Gaines, Alabama Aquarium at Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Mobile Bay Ferry, boat ramps, Dauphin Island Audubon Bird Sanctuary, parks, business districts, Town Hall & Welcome Center, and Dauphin Island Elementary School. Such accessibility reduces the reliance on motorized vehicles and enhances quality of life for both residents and visitors of Dauphin Island, creating a more walkable and environmentally-friendly community.
3. The Dauphin Island hiking and biking trail is poised to undergo significant maintenance and accessibility upgrades as part of the ALDOT TAP Grant Program. Improvements and upgrades totaling nearly \$400,000 (town match approximately \$80,000) will include surface repairs, additional crosswalks, appropriate signage and markings, and minor drainage work. Emphasis is being placed on improved and expanded accessibility while enhancing overall safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.
4. The goal of "Operation Clean Sweep" is to enhance trail usability while creating a safe environment for pedestrians, especially those with special needs. Dauphin Island is blessed with a diverse and scenic landscape including sandy beaches and dunes and forested areas. While beautiful, these environs pose challenges for our public works staff to maintain the trail on a regular basis. Windblown sand, falling foliage, loose pebbles, twigs, pine cones, and more can accumulate as weather conditions change frequently on this barrier island community. Having access to a mechanized sweeper will give our staff the ability to monitor and maintain the hiking and biking trails more often, ensuring safe travels for all users.

5. The hiking and biking trail provides accessibility and promotes connectivity throughout our barrier island community. Dauphin Island serves as a significantly important stopover for hundreds of species of migratory birds during their journeys to and from South America. During this annual spring and fall migrations, bird enthusiasts from throughout the United States (and some from other countries) travel to Dauphin Island to participate in this colorful spectacle and many utilize the hiking and biking trail to access birding hot spots such as Audubon Sanctuary and other areas containing critical stopover habitats. Likewise, visitors travel the bike trail to frequent Alabama's Aquarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, the Welcome Center, and local shops and businesses. Our island's youngest citizens make use of the trail as they travel to and from Dauphin Island Elementary School while citizens gathering for Council Meetings and other public forums often choose to use the hiking and biking trail as opposed to traveling by car.
6. The original construction of the Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail brought together the entire Dauphin Island community which led to the development of the 8 miles of trails we enjoy today. The town worked closely with the Dauphin Island Foundation on numerous fundraising opportunities to gather the required matching funds to jumpstart the project. From corporate sponsorships to t-shirt sales, organizers and volunteers were able to create a sense of enthusiasm and buy-in from all walks of life to reach the required funding levels and leveraged those dollars into a successful project. Since that time, the town has taken responsibility for maintaining this valuable community asset and is committed to continuing those efforts and providing the required match if we are fortunate enough to be awarded the requested RTP grant.
7. Since construction of the Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail in the early 1990's, the Town of Dauphin Island has committed the necessary resources to properly maintain this uber-popular and highly utilized recreational trail. The town is currently partnering with the Alabama Department of Transportation TAP Program to make a variety of repairs and upgrades that will enhance accessibility while improving overall safety. This project will cost upwards of \$400,000 and also requires a commitment of nearly \$80,000 on behalf of the Town of Dauphin Island. Work is expected to begin in early 2023. Daily maintenance requirements are accomplished by our dedicated public works staff and funded through the annual municipal budget. That obligation and commitment will continue as the town seeks additional opportunities to expand and improve the trail complex.

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9. The Taylor Harper Hiking & Biking Trail is available for non-motorized diverse use 24/7/365. Appropriate signage is in place to ensure proper usage at all times. The town's Police Department is responsible for patrolling and enforcing these and other related regulations on a regular basis. Public Works personnel perform routine inspections and maintenance repairs as part of their daily/weekly duties and responsibilities.
10. The hiking and biking trail provides access to most parts of the Dauphin Island community. While the population of the island grew some 35% (current full-time population approximately 1800) as reflected in the 2020 census, visitor numbers are a bit more difficult to calculate. That said, on any given day during the peak season months the island plays host to more than 7500 visitors that venture here for rest, relaxation and enjoying all that the island has to offer! The hiking and biking trail is just one of the many amenities that makes Dauphin Island such a special place.

Total Project Cost: 36,460 Funds Requested: 29,168

**Important Note:** The maximum grant amount by trail type is **\$200,000.00** for non-motorized, single-use trails; **\$400,000.00** for non-motorized, diverse-use trails; **\$524,937.00** for motorized trails; or **\$87,489.00** for education projects.

The applicant certifies that the data contained in the application is true and correct; the application has been duly authorized; and, the applicant understands that incorrect or incomplete information may cause the application to be rejected.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Elected Official's Signature)

MAYOR  
(Title)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

(Date)  
Project Cost Estimate

The Recreational Trails Program provides **80/20 matching** fund grants. That is, the RTP will fund up to 80 percent of the project cost and the grant recipient must provide at least 20 percent in the form of cash, in-kind, and/or donated contributions.

Eligible Costs

1. Design, engineering, and construction oversight services (**may not exceed 10% of the total construction cost**)
2. Direct labor
3. Special tradesmen secured under a service purchase contract
4. Rental of equipment
5. Construction contracts
6. Project materials
7. Signage<sup>1</sup>
8. Land acquisition
9. Professional project administration (grant consultant) (**may not exceed 5% of total project cost**)

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

BUDGET ITEM	TOTAL	RTP SHARE	MATCHING SHARE
Acquisition	36,460.00	29,168.00	7,292.00
Construction Contracts			
Equipment Rental			
Labor			
Signage			
Supplies/Materials			
Administration			
Engineering			
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>36,460.00</b>	<b>29,168.00</b>	<b>7,292.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Signs which function as traffic control devices must conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Part IX of the MUTCD, Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities, covers the bicycle related signs, pavement markings, and signals which may be used on highways or bikeways. Part IX is applicable to shared use paths (non-motorized multiple-use trails which may provide a transportation purpose). The publication Standard Highway Signs has the detailed drawings for the highway signs prescribed in the MUTCD. These documents are available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Signs which do not function as traffic control devices are not subject to the MUTCD. However, informational signs and kiosks must take into consideration the needs of various users, such as: people who are blind or who have low vision, people who use wheelchairs, and children.

## Environmental Screening Form (ESF)

This is a working tool for planners and decision-makers to use to identify the degree of potential impacts to resources that may occur as a result of federal approval of the proposal. It also serves as the administrative record documenting the applicant's efforts to identify and consider impacts during proposal development. Your ESF responses may change as the planning process refines the proposal that will ultimately be submitted along with the final completed ESF for federal review and decision.

As early as possible in your planning process, consider how your proposal/project may have direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment. Early identification of possible environmental resource impacts can be used during proposal development and assist in identifying ways to lessen impacts. Initiating or completing environmental analysis after a decision has been made is contrary to both the spirit and letter of the law of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The ESF should be completed with input from resource experts and in consultation with relevant local, state, tribal, and federal governments, as applicable. The interested and affected public should be notified of the proposal and invited to provide input as well. At a minimum, a site inspection of the affected area must be conducted by individuals who are familiar with the type of affected resources, possess the ability to identify potential resource impacts, and know when to seek additional data when needed.

At the time of proposal submission, the completed ESF should reflect the applicant's final determination of the extent to which the proposal will impact the list of resources on the form. The results of the completed ESF will assist in the identification of the appropriate NEPA pathway to be followed, i.e., categorical exclusion (CE), environmental assessment (EA), environmental impact statement (EIS). Also, the completed ESF will identify the resource topics and issues that should be presented and analyzed in an EA or an EIS, if required.

The ESF contains two parts that must be completed, Part A. Impacts to Environmental Resources and Part B. Mandatory Criteria.

**Part A:** For each environmental resource topic, choose an impact estimate level (none, negligible, minor, exceeds minor) that describes the degree of potential negative impact that may occur directly, indirectly, and cumulatively as a result of federal approval of your proposal. These impact levels should be used to estimate specific impact levels on each separate resource and must be accompanied with a brief explanation of how the resource might be affected, how the impact level was determined, and why the chosen impact level is appropriate. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal, is still viable, and it includes planned mitigation, explain this for each applicable resource and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column. Add any relevant resources (see A24) if not included in the list.

Use a separate sheet to explain all potential adverse impacts (negligible, minor, and those exceeding minor) as well as to indicate the type of data that still needs to be determined for each of the applicable resources listed below. Describe direct, indirect, and cumulative

impacts, as well as any planned mitigation, already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

**Part B:** This is a list of mandatory impact criteria that preclude the use of categorical exclusions. If you answer “yes” or “maybe” for any of the mandatory criteria, you must develop an EA or EIS regardless of your answers in Part A. Explain all “yes” and “maybe” answers on a separate sheet.

Indicate potential for **adverse** impacts.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	No Impacts or Not Applicable	Negligible Impacts	Minor Impacts	Impacts Exceed Minor EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	X				
2. Air quality		X			
3. Sound (noise impacts)		X			
4. Water quality/quantity	X				
5. Streamflow characteristics	X				
6. Marine/estuarine	X				
7. Floodplains/wetlands	X				
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability	X				
9. Circulation, transportation	X				
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	X				
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old-growth forests, etc.	X				
12. Unique or important wildlife/wildlife habitat	X				
13. Unique or important fish/habitat	X				
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)	X				
15. Recreation resources, including parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc.)	X				
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities	X				
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features	X				
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	X				
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X				
20. Minority and low-income populations	X				
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)	X				
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies	X				
23. Land/structures with a history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	X				
24. Other important environmental resources that should be addressed	X				

<b>B. MANDATORY CRITERIA</b> If your proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	To be determined
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?		X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?(Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)		X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X	
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		X	
<b>C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA</b>			
13. Is the area previously disturbed and unlikely to result in any excavation beyond surface disturbance possibly impacting archaeology?		X	
14. Is the area regularly mowed and therefore unlikely to contain endangered species?		X	
15. Is there any surface water within direct proximity to the project which would require protection from construction impacts?		X	

**Environmental Reviewers**

The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form. **List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise.** Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in state compliance file for any future program review and/or audit. **There must be at least one person listed here.**

1. LEE WALTERS PWS, GOODWYN, MILLS, CAWOOD, ENVIROMENTAL DEPT.
2. PATRICK STROM RE, GOODWYN, MILLS, CAWOOD, ENGINNERING DEPT.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.

**List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection. There must be at least one person listed here.**

1. PATRICK STROM RE, GOODWYN, MILLS, CAWOOD, ENGINNERING DEPT.
2. KERRY HANNAH, GOODWYN, MILLS, CAWOOD, INSPECTOR
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chief Elected Official here:



Signature

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Date

Environmental Checklist For Recreational Trails Program Project**County:** MOBILE**Project Location:** DAUPHIN ISLAND**Project Sponsor/Applicant:** TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND**Project Description:** DAUPHIN ISLAND HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL: OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

Concurrence from Alabama Historical Commission attached?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Concurrence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services attached?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers attached?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tribal Consultation attached?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Was the property acquired before January 1971?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "No" explain property acquisition process (Use additional sheets if necessary):		
CONCURRENCE LETTERS AND TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS – N/A		
THE TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND INCORPORATED IN 1988 AND ALL STREETS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY WERE		
TRANSFERRED FROM MOBILE COUNTY AT OR ABOUT THAT TIME.		

Note: If you have not received the concurrence letters by the application deadline, submit copies of the request letters. Concurrences over three (3) years old cannot be used and new concurrences must be obtained.

**Required Letters of Concurrence and Release of Conditions**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<b>Mobile District Corps of Engineers</b>	<b>Nashville District Corps of Engineers</b>
Chief, Regulatory Division	Western Regulatory Field Office
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Dear Proposal Committee:

I am writing to voice our support in the Town of Dauphin Island's efforts to maintain the island infrastructure, specifically Dauphin Island's Taylor Harper Hiking and Biking Trail. Our visitors consistently utilize the trail in their travels around the island, whether it be accessing the aquarium from the Mobile Bay Ferry or visiting other businesses. Keeping the trail free from vegetation and other debris is essential for the enjoyment and safety of the pedestrians and cyclists that enjoy the trail. Funding this grant will clearly assist the town in this maintenance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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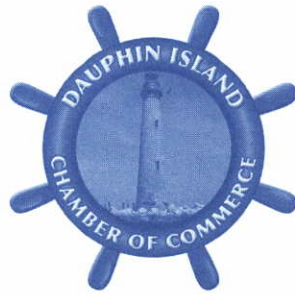
September 8, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

As the principal of Dauphin Island Elementary School, I support the town of Dauphin Island in acquiring a mechanized sweeper for the town. This piece of machinery would play an essential part in assisting the public works department in maintaining the bike trail which, in turn, provides our families and students with a safe and easily accessible pathway to our school.

Respectfully,

Stacey Wilcox



## Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce

September 7, 2022

As President of the Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to offer my full support of the Town of Dauphin Island in its effort to acquire a mechanized sweeper to routinely clean and maintain the popular hiking and biking trail. Residents and visitors utilize the trail to maneuver around the island to access local businesses and a variety of other amenities. This creates a more walkable community while enhancing pedestrian safety and reducing traffic. I am hopeful the grant request will be awarded to the Town of Dauphin Island to ensure this valuable Island resource is maintained for future generations.

Sincerely

Patricia Kerr  
President, DI CoC